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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO DUMONT LETTER

1. HAVE JUST RECEIVED PATRICK DUMONT'S (MISADDRESSED) JULY 28 LETTER WHICH ARRIVED VIA A BRIEF DETOUR THROUGH ABIDJAN. I AM BEGINNING FOR THE FIRST TIME TO BELIEVE THAT THE PAT DUMONT-PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR I HAVE BEEN HEARING ABOUT SINCE MARCH REALLY EXISTS AND THAT HE IS ACTUALLY GOING TO APPEAR IN NOUAKCHOTT SOME DAY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR MY GOOD COUNSEL, PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING THOUGHTS TO DUMONT:

(A) SUGGEST REPEATED BROWSINGS IN CURRAN AND SCHROCK AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AREA HANDBOOK FOR MAURITANIA WHICH IS BEST STUDY OF MAURITANIA IN EITHER FRENCH OR ENGLISH I HAVE COME ACROSS. PERIODIC REEXPOSURE EVERY 4-5 MONTHS AFTER ARRIVAL IS ALSO RECOMMENDED, AS FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE BEGINS TO ILLUMINATE AND CLARIFY POINTS PREVIOUSLY OVERLOOKED OR DIMLY PERCEIVED. POST LIBRARY HAS COPIES FOR THAT PURPOSE.

(B) SUGGEST DUMONT STEEP HIMSELF IN FULL NINE MONTHS OF CORRESPONDENCE ON PEACE CORPS "DISASTER" IN MAURITANIA, BEGINNING WITH MY 4 DEC 75 LETTER TO JIM BISHOP AND

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PROGRESSING THROUGH LENGTHENING SERIES OF TELGRAMS--

INCLUDING ALL THE STADIS MESSAGES RIGHT UP TO NOUAK-  
CHOTT 1737 WHOSE MESSAGE OF INEVITABILITY OF ADVERSE  
FALLOUT FROM FAILURE OF US TO HONOR COMMITMENT MADE TO  
TWO GIRM MINISTERS TO PRODUCE SIX VOLUNTEERS BY END  
SEPTEMBER STILL DOES NOT RPT NOT SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN  
THROUGH TO PC/W.

(C) SUGGEST DUMONT DO WHATEVER IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AND  
THEN EXPLOIT TO FULLEST THE NOUAKCHOTT CONSUMABLES SHIP-  
PING ALLOWANCE IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE AT LOW PRICES AND SUB-  
SIDIZED FREIGHT RATES MAXIMUM POSSIBLE STORE OF FOOD.  
PAPER PRODUCTS, ETC., ETC. PLUS HANDY GADGETS OF ALL  
SORTS WHICH ARE EITHER TOTALLY UNOBTAINABLE OR OUTRA-  
GEOUSLY EXPENSIVE ON LOCAL MARKET. RAS AND CATHY SMITH  
(EA/TB) MIGHT BE HELPFUL HERE. AF/EX IS KNOWLEDGEABLE  
ABOUT ALLOWANCE AND PURCHASING AT WHOLESALE GROCER. ANO-  
THER RECENT ARRIVAL, ACTING ON BAD ADVICE, SHIPPED NOTHING,  
AND IS NOW IN DISTRESS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WAY TO RE-  
COVER.

3. IFDUMONT DOES IN FACT ARRIVE AT 0900 AUGUST 25  
ON BOARD AIR SENEGAL, WE WILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME FOR  
SEVERAL LENGTHY AND WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO  
MY PROJECTED DEPARTURE EVENING AUGUST 30. I SHOULD PRE-  
FER TO SEE HIM COME ON AUGUST 23 AIR AFRIQUE EVENING  
FLIGHT. BUT AS LONG AS THERE IS NO RPT NO SLIPPAGE  
PAST AUGUST 25, WE CAN MANAGE.

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